

AA-91
Asa Linthicum House
Jessup

C. 1860
private

The house is one of three frame dwellings in Jessup built in the Italian Villa style which are still standing. Other examples are AA-92 and AA-123. The house is a square, two-stories high, three-bays wide, and is set on a high foundation of native Raritan sandstone. Although the cupola has been removed, the building has changed little since it was built. A frame bank barn is behind the house.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Asa Linthicum House

AND/OR COMMON

(Gibson Residence)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

southeast corner of Jessup Rd (rt. 175) and Brock Bridge Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Jessup

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

MD.

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

J.W. Gibson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 23

CITY, TOWN

Jessup

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD. 20794**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel County Courthouse

Liber #: 195

Folio #: 192

STREET & NUMBER

South St.

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The *Asa Linthicum House* is located on 48.73 acres bounded by Jessup Road (St. 175) on the north, Brock Bridge Rd. on the east and the Maryland House of Correction on the west. The house faces north about 50 ft. back from Jessup Rd. A spacious yard planted with large trees surrounds it.

The structure is a nearly square 2 story 3 bay by 3 bay frame dwelling set on a high foundation of native Raritan sandstone. Built c. 1860 in the Italian style, the house is covered with clapboards and painted white with green trim.

Windows, spaced evenly on the front and side elevations, contain 6/6 light sash, taller on the first story than the second. On the second story, centered above the entrance, is a round arch containing tall round arched windows; the spandrel above the arches displays a raised trefoil design. Most of the windows have louvered shutters.

The main entrance is in the center bay, front elevation. Double doors, having recessed panels with raised pinecones in the upper panel and raised flowers in the lower panels, are flanked by turned pilasters and surmounted by a large scale 5 light transom with a narrow dentil-like frieze. The frieze resembles the design of the porch balustrade.

An above grade porch of 5 bays, having a flat roof and modillioned cornice, extends across the front elevation. It has rectangular posts with plain capitals and bases. The balustrade was given an unusual appearance by notching the underside of the top railing to form arched spaces where the balusters join it. Other interesting features of the porch are the large turned newel posts and the curved balustrade flanking the porch steps.

The house has a hipped roof with center gables. The roof has very wide eaves with modillions. A plain wide fascia board follows the line of the roof on all elevations. In the center of the roof is the remains of a rectangular louvered cupola, typical of several large houses in the Jessup area. The large interior chimneys are off center, one being more to the rear of the structure than the other. Both have recessed panels and corbeled caps.

A two story wing of small scale was added to the rear by the present owners. S. of the house is a board and batter bank barn with a sandstone foundation. It was not possible to go inside the house.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Asa Linthicum House is one of three frame dwellings still standing in Jessup which were built in the Italian Villa style (c. 1860-1880). Other examples are Trusty Friend (AA-123) and the Ringgold House (AA-92); the Rappaport House (AA-82) is a site. At one time the town contained six or more frame dwellings of similar design with either cupolas or towers. Some of these are pictured in The Story of Jessup by G. Marie Biggs. The Linthicum house, a nearly square, two story, three bay house, has many of its original details remaining, although, unfortunately, the cupola with which it was crowned, has been removed. The hipped roof with wide bracketed eaves and the round headed windows in the center bay, second story are typical of the Italian Villa style.

The Jessup buildings reflected the wide spread influence and popularity of designs by Alexander Jackson Davis for Italian villas which were published in Cottage Residences (1842) and The Architecture of Country Houses (1850) by Andrew Jackson Downing. It appears that the style never really caught on in the rest of Anne Arundel County, making these examples all the more valuable and unusual.

The house was built by Dr. Asa Linthicum c. 1860, shortly after he acquired the property from John W. Biggs (L. NHG F. 78, Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Feb. 22, 1858). Besides practicing medicine, Dr. Linthicum operated iron ore mines on his property. A bank barn, which was used to stable the horses used to haul the iron ore, is located behind the house.

Today Jessup is much dominated by the penal institutions located there, and little remains, with the exception of a few buildings, to remind one of the town's pre World War I prosperity.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Biggs, G. Marie, The Story of Jessup. Jessup, Md.: By the author, 1977
 Anne Arundel County History Notes. vol. 9 No. III April, 1978

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 48.73

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Marion Morton Carroll

ORGANIZATION Dept. of Planning and Zoning, Anne Arundel County ^{DATE}

STREET & NUMBER Arundel Center

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Annapolis

STATE MD.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438



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(Asa) Linthicum H.

Jessap

north front

Marion Carroll

July, 1978



AA-91

(Asa) Linthicum H.

Jessup

northwest elev.

Marion M. Carroll

July, 1978



AA-91
(Asa) Linthicum H.
Jessup

barn
Marion Carroll
July, 1978